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C. Conan, et al : Group Art No.: 2863  
Serial No. 09/772,474 : Examiner: T. S. Lau  
Filed: January 30, 2001 : for IBM Corporation  
Anne Vachon Dougherty  
Title: AUTOMATED TESTING OF 3173 Cedar Road  
COMPUTER SYSTEM COMPONENTS Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 15, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1, 2, and 5-24 in the above-identified patent application.

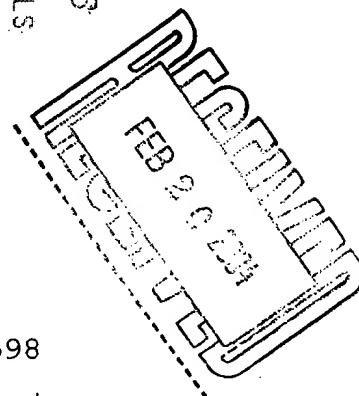
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